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In re Patent Application of: Alan W. H. Grant

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**OPTIMIZATION METHOD** 

## AMENDMENT, RESPONSE TO 09-15-05 OFFICE ACTION AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

As an initial matter, the Applicant thanks Examiner Cang Thai and SPE John Weiss for the telephonic interview conducted on January 6, 2006 (the "Interview") and for changing the status of the rejection of Applicant's claims from "final" to "non-final."

In response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2005 (the "Office Action"), the Applicant responds as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are provided on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

No amendments are being made to the **Figures**, **Specification** and **Abstract** of the Application.

The **Interview Summary** begins on page 8 of this paper.